

Hamlyn Banks Primary School

PARENT INFORMATION

BOOKLET

Grade 6/5



2016

INTRODUCTION

Parents, students and teachers are a team working together to ensure that students develop to their full potential. Grade 5 and 6 students are expected to take an increasing responsibility for their learning environment, setting personal goals, developing efficient work habits to enhance achievement and ensuring that others can also focus on learning.

DIARIES

The use of diaries is a valuable form of two way communication and students will be responsible for ensuring diaries are seen by us daily. Please sign any diary entries so that we know you have seen them. As an aspect of confidentiality, diaries are checked by teachers only. If you have a problem or concern, please don't hesitate to make an appointment so we can attempt to resolve any issues.

IPADS

Each student in grade 5 and 6 has to use their own Ipad for the year. Clear rules for use are outlined and students will receive a copy of these. To reduce distracting noise we would like all students to have their own earphones for use with Ipads. These can be purchased quite cheaply in supermarkets or bargain stores. All students are set up with a Google Drive account where they can access a range of information to assist with their school work & more. Students can access this via their iPads or on home PC's, they have their log in details in their diaries if forgotten.

REPORTING ABSENCES

You may write a note in the diary, but we are also required to retain notes for up to 5 years and, as the diary is retained by the student at the end of the year, we will still need a separate note. Absence notes were sent home with your child. If you are late to school in the morning please sign in at the office.

PICKING UP STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

If you wish to take your child out of school during school hours, or if you bring your child late, you will need to sign the book at the front office, so that we have a record.

LUNCH ORDERS

These can be ordered on Wednesday and Friday from the school canteen. We also have special lunches on Monday. These orders must be in by 9am Friday.

TISSUES

Students are requested to bring a box of tissues to be shared as these are not provided by the school.

SUNSMART POLICY

Our school requires all students to wear a hat between September and April. If students don't bring a hat they are required to stay/play in the canteen area during all recess times. Hats are to be school uniform issue - BROAD BRIMMED or BUCKET Hats. Please help us to promote this important policy by making sure your child has a named hat at school each day.

THE CURRICULUM

MATHEMATICS:

The grade 6/5 teachers plan together to produce a consistent and comprehensive mathematical program based on the Aus Vels curriculum.

ENGLISH:

English includes - speaking and listening skills, writing and reading and, where possible, class work is related to Inquiry Learning topics. Children will need a writers' notebook.

INQUIRY LEARNING TOPICS 2016

Each Term the students will work through an Inquiry Learning Unit. Term one is " All about me." It involves students posing their own questions, exploring answers and solving problems.

LANGUAGE-ITALIAN

Students will learn about the culture of Italy and basic conversation and vocabulary.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/ SPORT

Students need to wear suitable footwear for Phys. Ed, sport and Lightning Premiership sessions.

BIKE ED

Bike Ed for grade 5 students will be in Term four. More information will be sent home closer to the time.

HOMEWORK

Assisting students with homework by parents and older siblings is encouraged. The one on one explanations and discussion build confidence and develop a home /school partnership. The Expectation for grade 6/5 is a minimum of 20 minutes of reading each night. Minimum of 10 minutes of mathematic each night, weekly spelling words and at least one writers' notebook entry per week .

Automatic and accurate recall of tables and number facts enables a student to focus fully on understanding a problem and methods used to solve it.

GRADUATION

Graduation will be in December at Truffleduck, Fyansford. Students will prepare for this special event towards the end of term 4. More information will be sent closer to the end of term 3.

Specialist Timetable: 6/5 sport for all grades 12:30-1:30 Friday

Specialist Subjects	65G	6/5H	6/5D	6/5 S	6/5 U
Visual Arts (Mrs Jolly)	Wednesday 10:00-11:00	Tuesday 11:30-12:30	Wednesday 9:00-10:00	Thursday 2:15-3:15	Thursday 11:30-12:30
Physical Education (Ms Carr)	Tuesday 11:30-12:30	Thursday 2:15-3:15	Tuesday 9:00-10:00	Wednesday 10:00-11:00	Wednesday 9:00-10:00
Performing Arts (Mrs O'Halloran)	Thursday 2:15-3:15	Wednesday 10:00- 11:00	Thursday 11:30-12:30	Tuesday 11:30-12:30	Tuesday 9:00-10:00

BUDDIES:

Each grade in the senior school has a buddy in junior grade. Regular activities are organised in times suited to both grades' timetables.

PARENT HELPERS

There will be opportunities for parents to assist in the class program, including sport. If you would like to be involved, please let us know. If you have particular skills and interests, such as gardening, there may be opportunities to share your expertise with our students.

NEWSLETTER - SPECIAL EVENTS

It is essential that senior school students and parents read the weekly newsletter carefully and join / check school Facebook page.

Please keep this document in a safe place for future reference.

Should you require any further information, we are only too happy to help. Please use the school diary for any communication or to request an appointment.

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